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Over an eight week period this summer, I participated in an internship at the Alabama State Court of Criminal Appeals. Under the guidance of the Clerk of the Court, the Honorable Lane Mann and his wonderful staff, I have embarked on a challenging and informative journey. This internship has been very useful, and I became a member of the staff. I was provided with meaningful tasks and made a valuable contribution to the office.

During my internship, I performed various tasks and had multiple responsibilities. I approached each task with the same amount of respect and diligence no matter its rank of importance. I had minor duties, such as delivering mail and organizing supply rooms, and some major duties as well. I transferred confidential case documents to the Supreme Court Justices, and I was trained to docket appeals for the Court. I set up new cases, granted or forbid requests for extensions of time, issued orders handed down from judges, filed petitions and briefs, and notified all parties involved in a case of all the developments in their cases. I was allowed to sit in on an Oral Arguments session at the Court, and I got to visit with the Court's Judges. I also organized and stored evidence exhibits for confidential cases.

My duties at the Court allowed me to learn much about a field that I am very interested in pursuing. Mr. Mann and his staff bestowed a great deal of responsibility upon me, and I was able to complete my tasks efficiently in a professional setting. My time at the Court has been very enlightening. I have been truly honored to have been given such a remarkable opportunity, and I am grateful for the Tonya internship funding that made this summer's experience possible.